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1. The Second Ukrainian Congress, attended by 164 delegates, was held on August 29, 30 and September 1, 1947 in the hall of the Sociedad Ucraina de Ayuda Mutua (Ukrainian Mutual Aid Society), B.A. The local Ukrainians had planned to gather in an auditorium at Calle Rodriguez Pena 361. The owner of the hall, however, was advised by the police that it would not be wise to rent his property for this purpose.
2. Invitations were sent to Vice President Quijano, Minister of Foreign Relations Bramuglia, and Speaker of the House Guardo; but, contrary to the usual procedure, these invitations were not answered. In protest against the attitude of these Argentines, Soviet Ambassador Sergueev did not attend the Congress. Soviet notables who did attend were: First Secretary of the Soviet Embassy Ivor Budarin, TASS representative Gregorio Stephanian, and the manager of the Polish Bank of Argentina Julio Nowinski.
3. The usual procedure of having both open and secret sessions was followed during this congress. Only a few of the outstanding delegates were permitted to attend the secret sessions, during which defensive measures to be taken against increasing police persecution are reported to have been discussed.

4. It was decided at the Congress that the Ukrainian Communist aid organization will no longer be known as the Federacion de Ayuda a la Ucrania Sovietica. The organization will be called: Consejo Central de las Organizaciones Democraticas Ucrainianas en la Argentina (Central Council of Democratic Ukrainian Organizations in Argentina).

Another result of the Congress was the plan to replace Jose Tkaczuk, Jacobo Stapenenko, and other outstanding local Ukrainian communist leaders, who have been members of the board of directors of the Federation. Their positions would be filled by men less well-known for their Communist activities.

Field Comment: The Argentine police for some time have concentrated on the Argentine Communist Party and permitted the Slav Communist groups to do more or less as they pleased. It is evident that the police are now aware of the danger presented by communism among the large Slav ethnic groups

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